

## **Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee (ABAC) – Minutes for meeting of January 8, 2007**

Board members present were Jack Johnson, Stephan Miller, Ted Packard, Scott Smith, Ron Sender, and Christopher Tonkin. Kevin Davis, Doug Greenfield, Joey Glushko, Brian Postlewaite, and Phil Goff also attended.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31.

\*The December minutes were approved with one minor word change.

Report on recent events. Jack and others reported on the success of the annual Jingle Ride. We also discussed the fact that the Bicycle Safety Bill was vetoed by the Lt. Governor. Jack told us about his participation on the new Governor's Transportation Transition Team. He informed us that bicycle issues were prominently discussed. Phil added that the Governor's press secretary is an avid cyclist.

Discuss final plans for the 4th annual ABAC Winter Social. Date is Thursday night, February 15, 2007. Phil Goff will be the featured speaker. He gave us a brief overview of his background. Scott has confirmed that there will be cocoa!

Review priority locations for new bike-parking racks in Arlington (related to MAPC's Municipal Bike Rack program). We discussed the possible standards for the post and ring or inverted U-racks. Phil told us that he prefers the inverted U-rack because it is easier to park multiple bicycles at that kind of rack. We discussed how people are likely to use the racks. Joey has let the MAPC know that we are interested in participating. We can order racks any time this year. We plan to order the racks in two batches.

Jack handed us a tentative list of locations. We will start with one U-rack in each location and then later, after receiving the second batch, perhaps add a second rack to some locations.

**ACTION ITEM:** Ron will contact "The Arlington Center" business on Mass Ave to determine if they want to fund a rack in front of their location.

We discussed additional sites in Arlington Heights. The possible sites are near the UPS store and the MBTA depot (might need two). Phil suggested that we consider installing larger racks at the High School. Joey would like to see one rack located near the track in the back of the school. Possible sites for the first phase will all use U-racks mounted parallel to the street. We also discussed sites near Broadway Plaza where we could install a bike rack.

Discuss Alewife Brook path project, proposed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Will be discussed at Arlington Open Space Meeting on January 31. The Selectmen sent a memo to DCR which was not in favor of the path. The ARB is in favor. There will be a joint meeting to resolve this difference.

Review agenda for proposed tri-town meeting on Minuteman Bikeway topics. Jack will be planning this meeting and he asked us for possible agenda items. We suggested guidelines for signage, plowing issues, lighting issues, and maintenance problems such as knotweed and overhanging branches. We would like this to be a unifying meeting so the path will have a uniform look and maintenance across the towns. Another important issue is the possible extension of the path at either end. Possible venues for the meeting might be the Depot in Lexington, the Arlington Senior Center, or Whittemore-Robbins House in Arlington.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35

\*Denotes a vote was taken.

Minutes submitted by Stephan Miller.